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My name is Charlotte Gillman-Boggs, and I am in the fourth grade at the Glastonbury-East Hartford Magnet School. Thank you, members of the committee, for giving me the opportunity to speak.

I think the Magnet School should be paid the same amount or more as all the other schools in Connecticut because our school has so many people from different races and whose families make different amounts of money. One of my best friends is Indian, and last year my teacher was black. Also, there are more people of color in my class than white people! Not many kids in Glastonbury can say that! I like meeting new people who are not like me, because there's more to share and talk about.

Another reason our school should be paid as much as all the other Connecticut schools is because all the kids was wonderful teachers and classes. We learn Chinese and science, both of which are very interesting. We also learn technology, physical education, art, music, and library. Our teachers are all very nice, and the school really feels like a community. I really like math, and the school has provided an advanced math class for me and some others. The school helps kids who need help and pushes others who need to be pushed, and teaches use wonderful things. Our school really should be paid as much as all other Connecticut elementary schools.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Gillman-Boggs